

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

5 --Provided in a data carrier (1) designed to modulate a carrier signal (CS)
that can be received in a contactless manner are a transmitter ~~transmission means~~
(2) designed to transmit the carrier signal (CS), and a data signal source (9)
designed to generate and emit a data signal (DS), and a modulator ~~modulation~~
~~means~~ (11), which the modulator ~~modulation means~~ (11) is designed to receive
10 the data signal (DS) and, using the data signal (DS), to modulate the carrier signal
(CS) occurring at the transmitter ~~transmission means~~ (2) and to generate an
amplitude-modulated signal (S), which amplitude-modulated signal (S) has signal
edges (SL), wherein, in addition, a signal-edge influencer ~~signal-edge influencing~~
~~means~~ (12) is provided, which is designed to influence the slope characteristic of
15 the signal edges (SL) in the amplitude-modulated signal (S).--